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Table 1: Selected State Laws on Access to and Use of Voter Registration Information

State	Citation	Access	Use
CA	Cal. Elections Code §§ 2188.5, 2194 Cal. Government Code § 6254.4	A voter's street address (but not city or post office address), telephone number, email address, precinct number, or other number specified by the Secretary of State for voter registration purposes are confidential, except as described below Voter registration information is disclosable to any (1) candidate for federal, state, or local office; (2) committee for or against any initiative or referendum measure for which legal publication is made, or (3) person for election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes, or for governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State A voter's SSN, driver's license number, and signature are confidential	Voter registration information can be used only for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes Voter registration information cannot be used for any personal, private, or commercial purpose, including the (1) harassment of any voter or voter's household; (2) advertising, solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services to any voter or voter's household; or (3) reproduction in print, broadcast visual or audio, or display on the Internet or any computer terminal, except for the authorized purposes described above A person who requests voter information or obtains signatures or other information collected for an initiative, referendum, political party qualification, or recall petition cannot send that information outside the United States or make it available in any way electronically to persons outside the United States, including access over the Internet A violation is a misdemeanor
CO	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 1-2-301 & 1-2-302	No restrictions noted	No restrictions noted, except that the state provides birth years rather than birth dates (The person who created the connvoters.com website created a similar site for Colorado)
IA	Iowa Code § 48A.39	No restrictions noted	Voter registration records may be used only for (1) requesting votes in an election, (2) genuine political purposes, (3) bona fide political research, or (4) bona fide official purposes by an elected official Misuse of the information, including commercial use, is a "serious misdemeanor."

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<u>KS</u>	K.S.A. §§ 25-2320, 2320a	Voter registration records cannot be made available for public inspection or copying unless the individual's SSN, driver's license number, non-driver's identification card number, or any part thereof, has been removed or otherwise rendered unreadable	<p>A requester cannot use the records for commercial purposes or obtain the records with the intent of making them available to a third party for such purposes</p> <p>A violation is a class C misdemeanor</p> <p>"Commercial use" means knowingly selling, giving, or receiving the information on or derived from voter registration lists with the intent to use the list or information for a commercial purpose. Compiling, using, giving, receiving, selling, or purchasing the information on or derived from voter registration lists, solely for political campaign or election purposes, does not constitute commercial use.</p>
<u>KY</u>	<p>Ky. Rev. Stat. §116.095</p> <p>§117.025(3)(h)</p> <p>31 KAR 3:010</p>	<p>If a registered voter's SSN is included on his or her registration information, the county clerk must redact it before it is duplicated and furnished to a citizen requesting a copy.</p> <p>State Board of Elections must furnish information to duly qualified candidates, party committees or officials, or any committee that supports or opposes an amendment or public question. It may also furnish lists to other persons at its discretion.</p>	<p>"Commercial" use is prohibited and includes use of the list for profit, solicitation of donations, and the sale or advertisement of goods and services. It also includes transfer of the list by the requester for a profit to a third party whom the requester knew or should have known intended to use the list for commercial purposes.</p> <p>Commercial use does not include (1) scholarly, journalistic, political (including political fundraising), or governmental purposes; (2) publication, broadcast, or related use by a newspaper, magazine, radio station, television station, or other news medium in its news or other publications or broadcasts; or (3) a publication provided or sold to duly qualified candidates; political party committees, or officials thereof; or any committee that advocates or opposes an amendment or public question</p>
<u>ME</u>	Me. Rev. Stat. Tit. 21-A § 196-A	Members of the public may receive (1) their own voter record and (2) a record of the state's voters that contains, for each voter, either the voter's first name or last name, but not both names in the same report; year of birth; enrollment status; electoral districts to include congressional district and county only; voter status; date of registration or	Political parties and committees, candidates and committees, "get out the vote" organizations, and public officials may not sell, distribute or use the data for any purpose that is not directly related to political activities

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		<p>date of change of the voter record if applicable; date of the last statewide election in which the voter voted; and any special designations indicating uniformed service voters, overseas voters or township voters</p> <p>Additional information is available to political parties and committees, candidates and committees, "get out the vote" organizations, and public officials</p>	
<u>MD</u>	Md. Code Ann., Election Law § 3-506	To apply for a voter registration list, the applicant must be a registered voter in Maryland	<p>The applicant must sign a statement, under penalty of perjury, that the list is not intended to be used for commercial solicitation or any other purpose not related to the electoral process</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor</p>
<u>MA</u>	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 51. § 47c	Names and addresses in central voter registry are not public records but must be available to state party committees, statewide candidate committees, state ballot question committees, the jury commissioner, adjutant general, and any other individual, agency, or entity that the state secretary designates	No restrictions noted
<u>NH</u>	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 654:25, 654:31, & 654:45	<p>The "public checklist" includes voters' names, addresses, and party affiliations; a member of the public may view, but not copy, the statewide public checklist</p> <p>Political parties, PACs, and candidates may obtain the above information, plus voting histories, on a statewide basis.</p> <p>The statewide centralized voter registration database includes current information on the voter registration forms, accepted absentee ballot applications, the voter checklists, and voter actions as recorded on the checklist. Any state election official is authorized to have direct access to the database.</p>	<p>Voter registration information cannot be used for commercial purposes.</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor</p>

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<u>NM</u>	N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 1-4-5.5 & 1-4-5.6	A voter's SSN, codes identifying where the voter registered, and month and day of birth, or voters' telephone number if prohibited by voters, cannot be disclosed	<p>Voter registration information may be used only for governmental, election, or campaign purposes</p> <p>Unlawful use consists of willful selling, loaning, providing access to or otherwise surrendering, duplicating or altering information</p> <p>A violation is a fourth degree felony</p>
<u>NY</u>	N.Y. Election Law §§ 3-103(5) & 17-168	No restrictions noted	<p>Voter registration information cannot be used for non-election purposes</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor</p>
<u>RI</u>	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 17-9.1-15	No restrictions noted	<p>No restrictions noted</p> <p>(The person who created the connvoters.com website has created a similar site for Rhode Island)</p>
<u>SD</u>	SD Code §§ 12-4-9 & 12-4-41	A voter's SSN and driver's license number, are not subject to public disclosure	<p>Voter registration information cannot be used or sold for any commercial purpose and may not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet</p> <p>Campaign or political polling activities do not constitute a commercial purpose</p> <p>A violation is a class 1 misdemeanor</p>
<u>UT</u>	Utah Code Ann., § 20A-2-104	Voters' dates of birth are available only to political parties and candidates, government officials, health providers, insurance companies, and financial institutions. They are also available to members of the media verifying the identity of a single individual.	It is a class A misdemeanor to (1) obtain a registered voter's date of birth from the registry list under false pretenses or (2) use or provide a registered voter's date of birth obtained from the registry list in a manner that is not permitted by law
<u>VT</u>	17 Vt. Stat. § 2154	A voter's month and day of birth, driver's license number or non-driver identification number, email address, and last four SSN digits must be kept confidential	Any person wishing to obtain a copy of the statewide voter checklist must swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the person will not use the checklist for commercial purposes

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<u>WV</u>	W. Va. Code § 3-2-30	No list prepared by a country clerk or data file available for examination may contain voters' telephone number, email address, SSN, and license identification or non-driver identification numbers.	No voter registration lists or data files containing voter names, addresses or other information derived from voter data files may be used for commercial or charitable solicitations or advertising, sold, or reproduced for resale
<u>WI</u>	Wis. Stat. 6.36(1)(b)	A voter's date of birth, driver's license number, and SSN are not disclosable	The registration list to a law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes or to the state government to be used for official purposes.
<u>WY</u>	Wyo. Stat. §§ 22-2-113 & 22-26 -112	<p>Registry lists are available only to candidates and their committees, PACs and state central committees, elected officials, individuals promoting or opposing a candidate or ballot issue, and organizations which promote voter participation.</p> <p>A registry list is a list by precinct of the names, addresses, party affiliations and precinct and district numbers of the registered electors in the county prepared by the secretary of state or county clerk</p> <p>Election records containing SSNs, driver's license numbers, birth dates, telephone numbers, tribal-identification card numbers, email addresses, other personally identifiable information other than names, gender, address, and party affiliation must be kept confidential.</p>	<p>Registry lists are available for political purposes only and may not be used for commercial purposes</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor</p>